

In re Application of: Judd *et al.*
Application No.: 09/742,575
Atty Docket No.: 39385.01P1

Examiner: J. Veillard
Art Unit: 2175

REMARKS

By this response, in the Present Application, Claims 1-12, 22-23, 25, 27, 30-35 and 60 have been cancelled, and originally-submitted Claims 24, 26, 59 and 62 have been amended. Previously, Claims 13-21, 28-29, 37-50, 53-58 and 64-70 were withdrawn per a Restriction Requirement. As such, Claims 24, 26, 36, 51-52, 59 and 61-63 remain pending in the Present Application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 62 because of a typographical informality.

In response, Applicants have corrected this error.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-12, 22-24, 30-35 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Rothschild et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,678,703. Further, the Examiner rejected Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rothschild* in view of *Strawder*, U.S. Patent No. 6,282,513.

In response, Applicants have cancelled the rejected Claims, without prejudice to further presentment in a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part or other derivative Application.

Finally, the Examiner has allowed Claims 36 and 51-52, and has objected to Claims 25-26, 60 and 62-63 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but noted that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening Claims.

In response, Applicants have amended the objected Claims.

Based on the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, the present Application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Such action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels a telephonic conference would expedite the allowance of the present Application, it is suggested the Examiner contact the undersigned Attorney.

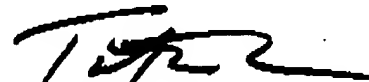
In re Application of: Judd et al.
Application No.: 09/742,575
Atty Docket No.: 39385.01P1

Examiner: J. Veillard
Art Unit: 2175

It is further believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response. If such is not the case, any fee due may be charged to our firm's Deposit Account No. 502261.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 23 July 2004

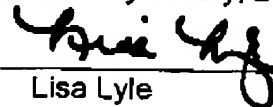


Timothy M. Morella
Reg. No. 45,277

NEAL, GERBER & EISENBERG, LLP
2 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602 3801
312 269 8000

Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, *via facsimile transmission at 703 746 7239*, postage prepaid, this 23rd day of July, 2004.

By:



Lisa Lyle

NGEDOCs: 1056852.1